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1952 TRENDS

The Winchester Star is undoubtedly one of the most influencial newspapers in Virginia. Its publishers have long been leading political figures. There are few editorial columns we read with more profit.

Therefore, we read with interest a discussion in the Star of May 9, of likely presidential candidate in the 1952 election. After a discussion of Senator Taft and General MacArthur as possible Republican contenders, the Star adds this sentence: "For the Democratic nomination, General Eisenhower appears a good bet."

Some two months ago the Times-Virginian cited the possibility that General Eisenhower might well be the Democratic standard bearer in 1952, and at that time we urged Virginia Democrats to give consideration to "drafting" General Ike. We will not repeat our discussion of that time, but we are pleased to note that so influencial a paper as the Winchester Star feels that Eisenhower might be available to the Democratic party.

WITH OTHER EDITORS

TAXES IN FRANCE

(The New York Times)

It is a common belief that people in France—and, for that matter, Italy—paym owhere near the amount of taxes that Americans do. Measured in terms of national income, which is the real test, this just isn't true. According to a study of comparative tax systems reported for this newspaper by Michael L. Hoffman, 26 per cent of the national income of the United States and 32 per cent of the national income of France are paid over to one tax collector or another. Before the war the French proportion was about 25 per cent, and as late as 1949 the E. C. A. reported it as running during the post-war years between 20 and 25 per cent. If the present estimates are correct the reform measures of M. Petsche and others have yielded some results.

The trouble with the French system has been that it weighed heavily on some groups and let others off too easily. In 1947 wage-earners were said to be paying 70 per cent of all income taxes, whereas E. C. A. described the income from corporation taxes as "negligible." An undue proportion of all taxation was indirect, as any tourist finds, in a small way, when he pays for a restaurant meal or a night's lodging. In practice the system was cumbersome and confusing and it seemed to penalize the honest, thrifty and poor for the benefit of other elements.

But the charge that France has been taking aid from the United States without carrying its full share of the load doesn't stand up. Frenchmen can well complain that the internal division of sacrifice hasn't been fair, but we have no grievance.

GERMAN DEFENSE

(From Time and Tide - British)

A Germany capable of rer own defense is essential to the unicd defens of Europe. Germany disarmed and neutralized would simply be a Germany set upon as a gate-Mac-Arthur as possible Republican way for Russian infiltration, first into western Germany and finally over all western Europe.

OLD SAYING CAN CHANGE

(Atlanta Journal)

A student at Northwestern University's School of Law, writing in that institution's Journal of Law and Commerce, reaches the conclusion no United States court has jurisdiction over crimes of violence committed in a United States plane flying outside the territorial jurisdiction of this country.

Maritime law provides that if a crime is committed aboard ship on the high seas outside the jurisdiction of any country, the nation whose flag the ship flies can try and punish the culprit. But Congress, the law student says, hasn't taken the trouble to declare an airplane is a "vessel" or its equivalent.

Therefore, we presume, when we refer to a culprit who commits a crime while flying in a United States plane, we would be according to changing the old saying "We wouldn't give him air if he were in a jug" to "We wouldn't give him the jug if he were in the air."

Taft favors more voice for public on wage board.

Trapped driver saves life by blowing horn.

Play safe—drive carefully.

Halifax County may ask for new school bids.

Wilson says business will support controls.

Uncle Sam Says

May 14-19 is Newspaperboy Defense Bond week. During that week some 300,000 newspaper carriers will take on the patriotic task of distributing and collecting 25 million Defense Bond Fledge Cards. Always in the forefront when it comes to patriotism these boys have volunteered to carry this important message to their customers. The boys know the value of thrift and are today investing thousands of dollars in U. S. Defense Bonds. Sign that Defense Bond Pledge.

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Homemakers' Items

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A few simple steps will enable the average homemaker to lighten her work, says Amelia Fuller, home economics specialist at V. P. I.

First, cut out unnecessary steps or motions. For instance, dropped bobcats do away with rolling and cutting. Or using a tray or wheeled cart will enable the homemaker to carry several dishes from table to sink.

Keep everything within easy reach. Dish washing becomes easier if dishpan, drainer, towels and soap are close together and arranged in logical order.

Watch for excessive handling of tools and materials. Many homemakers make extra work for themselves by the simple operation of lifting and holding plates or other dishes while they try to remove another item from a shelf.

Use the right tool for the job. For example, dusting can be simplified by the use of dust mitts, long-handled mop and dust pan.

Make both hands work. Some tasks adapt themselves to the use of both hands. For example —dust mits for each hand.

Put two jobs together. Cake making can be simplified if you use a loaf pan rather than layers. This results in one baking and only being job.

Finally, make it a habit to sit and work when possible. Vegetable preparation, meal planning, ironing, etc. can be done while sitting.

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Cross-country flyer sets a non-stop record.

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Berry Plants

Proper spacing of new straw-berry runners is important, says Bruce Arvian, associate horticulturist at V. P. I.

He says first runners usually begin appearing in Mid-May in Virginia. The easiest and cheapest method of handling the new runner plants is to let them root as they will until late August. Cultivation at the side of the rows will keep the runners from spreading out of the rows. Plants that become too thick may be dug up.

To get even distribution of plants in a row, it is often desirable to train the new runners by moving them with a hoe to the space the plants are needed. If needed, a small clod or stone back of the tip of the runner will keep it in position until rooted.

The best way to distribute the runners from a plant is to train them in all directions so the mother plant is completely surrounded by new growth. If a plant has too few runners, early runners from a nearby plant can be trained to the empty space to fill the row.

Generally, if the row is filled by late August with runner plants six to nine inches apart, it is safe to destroy any late runners.

Tobacco Fertilizer

Fertilization of flue-cured tobacco is one of the most important factors in producing high yields of a good quality crop, says G. P. Mathews, associate agronomist at V. P. I.

Here are the general recommendations:

On average tobacco soils use 900 to 1,300 pounds of 3-9-6 per acre. On heavier soils where plants tend to grow too large and leaves ripen slowly, 1,000 to 1,300 pounds of 2-10-6 will give better results.

Growers using 1,000 pounds of 3-9-6 or less per acre will usually increase both yield and quality by side-dressing the crop with 100 pounds of 5-5-20 within 20 days after transplanting. Growers using 1,200 pounds of fertilizer per acre will usually profit from this side dressing if heavy leaching rains occur soon after the crop it set out.

Lee transplanting will be necessary, and a more uniform crop will result if the fertilizer is mixed with the soil in the row before This can be done by a single shovel plo in the the fertilizer has been In dry seasons, mixing has saved as many as 60 per acre in tests at the bacco Research Station at

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'Answer Man' Popular Behind The Iron Curtain

Uncle Sam's "answer man" has become a popular gentleman in many European countries — and even behind the Iron Curtain. The long-time radio program that is currently broadcast in 30 American cities reports that about 40 per cent of the questions aimed at the answer man originate in the Russian zone of Germany. A heavy volume of queries also turn up with the same addresses in Poland and Czechoslovakia.

The program went international three months ago in cooperation with the Economic Co-operation Administration, in the hope that it would help to tell the story of America and her aims. Forty transcribers, including those of the famed "Voice of America" forces radio stations, manned the question-and-answer booths across Europe in various languages—English, French, German, Dutch, Austrian, Polish, Turkish and Greek.

Answered Questions

Each program is specialized, as in the U.S., to answer questions asked by a particular region in order to intensify appeal.

Many of the queries reflect Europe's different standard of living, concern household matters, local problems. Government matters and world problems, curiosity about America and life in general.

Skepticism is expressed, too, in various ways, as in this question: "Is it true the working men get automobiles, if they really do?"

Bruce Chapman, boss of the program, keeps his headquarters in Western New York crammed to the rafters with books, files, and other sources of information. In addition, he has recourse to some 20,000 authorities on almost every subject as well as to public and private libraries.

The idea for the program originated with Albert Mitchell, now in retirement at Tuscon. Chapman has been on the job for 14 years. The current staff of the New York office is made up of about 40 to 50 girls and women who do most of the researching, letter writing and program preparations.

In actual broadcasting, both in this country and abroad, local announcers take the parts of the questioner and answer man, and most of the programs are put on live to keep them as up to date as is possible. European programs are always given in the language of the area to which they are directed.

Paris Headquarters

Headquarters of the European activity is in Paris, where the many languages used in the processing of questions give the atmosphere of a United Nations operation. Questions in Turkish may be translated into English, then into Russian and back to Turkish.

Paris has a staff about the size of the New York and other offices are found in London, Berlin, Vienna, The Hague, Ankara, and Athens.

Answers that come from the Iron Curtain countries always give evidence of having been carefully scrutinized across the border before mailing, officials say. In sending replies, the answers are always put on plain paper and otherwise safeguarded in the hope they will find their way to the right persons through the allowable mailing facilities.

Planted questions, of course, sometimes appear. But Chapman says they always get a reply, often long after the air. Yet, careful attention is given to seeing that the answers paint a true picture and avoid propaganda traps.

Senators are warned on leaking vital U. S. secrets.

New Giant Atom Smasher Undergoes Initial Tests

Satisfactory initial tests of the University of Chicago's $2,500,000 synchrocyclotron, giant atom smasher, have been made after three and one-half years spent on design and construction, Samuel K. Allison, director of the University's Institute for Nuclear Studies, announced.

Deuterons, the nuclei of heavy hydrogen atoms, have been accelerated to an energy of 259 million electron volts, the highest known energy ever achieved artificially with these atomic particles.

Herbert L. Anderson, professor of physics in the institute, and John Marshall, assistant professor, who directed design and construction of the big accelerator, conducted the tests.

Next step in getting the Chicago instrument into final working order will be to produce a focused beam of protons, the nuclei of ordinary hydrogen. In the test, the deuterons were not brought outside the magnetic field.

The energy attained with deuterons indicates the synchrocyclotron will accelerate protons to energies of the order of 450 million electron-volts, making it the most powerful accelerator of positive ions in the western world.

Female of the Species Tends to Outlive Male

The American female contradicts the description "weaker sex" by showing markedly greater tenacity for survival than the male of the species at each year of life.

This is evidenced by the higher death rates that prevail for males as compared with females for every age group.

The advantage enjoyed by females is greatest in the late teens and early 20's, when the mortality among men is almost 90 per cent higher than that of women, and again in the early 50's when the excess in male mortality is about 75 to 80 per cent. The least differences in mortality are in early childhood and at the later ages of life.

"The situation today is in marked contrast with that a half century ago, when the disparity in the death rate between the sexes was considerately less," statisticians report. "Then the greatest excess of male over female mortality occurred in the first year of life, but amounted to only 21 per cent. At many ages the death rates for the sexes were about the same; and at ages 15 and 16 the rate for males fell below that for females."

Use For Lignin

Proof that Lignin, the paper industry's most troublesome waste product, is an excellent reinforcing agent for natural, nitrile, and neoprene rubber, as well as for GR-S, the general purpose synthetic, was offered at the closing session of the spring meeting of the American Chemical Society's Division of Rubber Chemistry. Nitrile and neoprene are two of the major types of synthetic rubber. Added to natural rubber in proportions of 50 to 100 pounds per 100 pounds of rubber, legnin was found to give higher tensile strengths than any other pigment at the same volumes, including carbon black.

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There are various types of interior varnishes. Each is made according to the purpose it is to serve. Generally speaking, interior varnishes are harder — but not as resistant to weather — as exterior varnishes. Floor varnishes, for instance, are characterized by a high resistance to abrasion in order to withstand constant traffic. Another type, furniture varnish, must not soften under the heat of the body.

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Hixburg

Hixburg, May 14.- Rev. J. Parks Hackney filled his regular appointment at Methews Baptist Church. We enjoyed his sermon, also his solo, "My Mother's Bible.' We were happy to see N. S. Topping, William Swann and Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Martin.

Mrs. Joel Coleman returned to her home Sunday P. M. She is improving in health.

Mrs. H. M. Marshall has been a recent guest of her cousin, Miss Mag Hix.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris and family, of Baltimore, Md. spent the past week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Goin. They spent Sunday with his parents at Vera.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Carson, John and Bettilee spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. J. R. Marshall at "Walnut Shade."

Crawford Carson, F. B. I., of Baltimore, Md., returned to his work Thursday after spending some time with his father, E. H. Carson, at "Scotland." He also visited his brothers C. B. Carson and W. E. Carson and sister, Mrs. Nelson Hix, of Prospect.

Misses Louella and Collyer Ann Martin spent Sunday with their cousin, Miss Ida Virginia Covington.

Spout Spring

Spout Spring, May 15 Mrs. Ernest Ferguson visited her mother in Amherst Sunday

Mrs. A. C. Almond and Mrs. W. A. Moon attended funeral services for Mrs. A. L. Richardson Tuesday in Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Meredith Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McFadden and son and Mr. and Mrs. William Layne were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Layne.

Mrs. Hunter Jamerson spent Sunday in the home of her mother.

Mrs. J. A. Martin, who has been suffering from an infected hand, is some better.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reynolds visited Mr. and Mrs. Billy Martin at Concord Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Almond and son and Mrs. W. A. Moon and daughter spent Sunday in Moneta as guests of the Rev. and Mrs. William Moon.

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Play safe—drive carefully.

Appomattox is a growing town.

Rocks

Rocks, May 14. Farmers were busy last week planting corn.

The Bethany and Rocks Home Demonstration Clubs met in the home of Mrs. John H. Ranson Monday night for the May meeting. A large number were out.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reace went to Lynchburg with their son, Johnny, Monday to see the doctor.

Mrs. W. F. Ranson spent awhile last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Ranson.

Samuel Dickerson is out again after having the mumps.

Mrs. Otis Ranson was sick last week with flu.

A bad wind, rain and hail storm hit here Friday afternoon.

Lewis Dickerson will be working at the barber shop in Pamplin for some time.

Mrs. Flossie Hubbard, of Pamplin spent Wednesday night with Cassie Baldwin and attended the cottage prayer meeting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cal Ranson.

A few of the Ruritan Club members and their wives attended the supper at Pamplin Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Marks and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ranson were called to Norfolk Friday due to the accident of the former's son, Hugh.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ranson returned home Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Marks remained with their son.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ranson and children, of Bristol, Tenn., were here for Mother's Day.

David Almond, who has his tonsils removed Tuesday at Virginia Baptist Hospital, is improving rapidly at his home.

The W. M. S. held its May meeting with Mrs. Wilson Almond at Appomattox Saturday night.

The Sunday School presented flowers to the oldest and youngest mother Sunday. Mrs. W. F. Ranson was the oldest and Mrs. Toby Inge was the youngest.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Inge and Diane, of Farmville and Mrs. D. R. Inge spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach.

Sandra Ruth Roach spent Sunday with Jean Shelton.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Evans, of Charlotte Court House; Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Roach, of Lynchburg; Mrs. W. F. Ranson, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Frank Ranson and children, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Ranson and children, of Pamplin and Mr. and Mrs. Holmsey Inge, Jr., and Mrs. Holmsey Inge, Sr., of Appomattox, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ranson Sunday.

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